Research on tamper proof seal on LPG Cylinders

3354. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central grants are being provided to LPG Equipment Research Centre, Bangalore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said Research Centre has so far failed in providing tamper proof seals on LPG cylinders resulting in cheating of consumers by supplying underweight cylinders; and

(d) the remedial measures Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) LPG Equipment Research Centre (LERC) has developed and recommended use of heat shrinkable preformed PVC seals as a tamper evident sealing system for LPG cylinders. The PVC seals are difficult to duplicate, shrink at high temperature and require technical expertise to manufacture.

LPG connections in Gujarat

3355. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of companies dealing with LPG connections and distribution in Gujarat;

(b) the number of distributors/dealers appointed by each company;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to increase the LPG connections in the State; and

(d) if so, the target set for 2003-2004?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Four Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) namely; Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), Hindustan